

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Cub Scouts of America for 75 years of meritorious service to the young people of our State and Nation.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary organizations that educate, enrich, and serve the citizens of this great State, especially our youth; and

WHEREAS, currently celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding, the Cub Scouts, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, is one such estimable organization, which provides young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, during the 1928 National Training Conference for Executives of the Boy Scouts of America held at Cornell University, intense interest was generated in developing a program for boys younger than those eligible to join the Boy Scouts; as a result, 120 experimental Cub units were started around the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Cub Scouts were officially approved and established in 1930 by the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America; within one year more than 5,000 boys were registered, and, by the fifth year, Cub Scouting had grown to 64,739 boys; and

WHEREAS, in accord with the organization's mission to cultivate good works and good citizens, Cub Packs have participated in activities aimed at fostering both personal and public well-being; not long after their founding, Cub Packs were selling war stamps and bonds, collecting grease, milkweed, and floss, and maintaining Victory Gardens in support of the national war effort; and

WHEREAS, since those first beginnings, more than 50,000,000 Cub Scouts have benefited from this most commendable program; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Cub Scouts has steadfastly fostered young citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance, as evidenced in their possession of such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about, and take pride in, their American heritage and understand our Nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all peoples, and are prepared to participate in, and serve as leaders in their community, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, scouting organizations in the State of Tennessee have outstanding records of building character among our youth; their numerous activities provide a safe harbor for young people to gather together in friendship and expand their skills and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Cub Scouts is one of this Nation's greatest assets; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the Cub Scouts, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, for their remarkable service to the young people of Tennessee and the United States of America; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the Cub Scouts on its 75th anniversary, commend its leaders and members for their hard work and dedication, and express our gratitude for their stalwart efforts on behalf of this Nation's and this State's youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.